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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. PODGORNYY ZAMBIA VISIT THEME OF SOVIET
ARMS SUPPORT REPORTED REF A NOT REPEATED IN SOVIET CENTRAL
PRESS AS OF MARCH 28. SOVIET-TANZANIAN COMMUNIQUE DOES
NOT MENTION SOVIET-TANZANIAN MILITARY RELATIONSHIP, BUT
DOES HOWEVER EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF ARMED STRUGGLE BY
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OPPRESSED PEOPLES. SOVIET WEEKEND PRESS CRITICIZES MILITARY
ASPECT OF U.S. AND NATO COUNTRIES' RELATIONSHIP
WITH AFRICA. END SUMMARY.

2. WHILE THERE HAS BEEN NO LACK OF MILITANCY
IN SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS COVERAGE OF PODGORNYY VISIT AND
AFRICA IN GENERAL, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT PRESS

DID NOT COVER KAUNDA-PODGORNY EXCHANGE ON SOVIET ARMS SUPPLY AT STATE HOUSE MEETING (REF A, PARAS 2 AND 3). PARENTHETICALLY, SOVIET PRESS ALSO CARRIED NO REFERENCE TO CC MEMBER LISULO'S MARCH 26 RECEPTION TOAST TO OPPRESSED PEOPLE WHEREVER THEY MAY BE (REF A, PARA 4).

3. JOINT SOVIET-TANZANIAN STATEMENT CARRIED IN MARCH 27 PRAVDA SEEMS TO US AN INTERESTING DOCUMENT, ALTHOUGH MORE FROM THE STANDPOINT OF WHAT IT DOES NOT CONTAIN THAN THE OPPOSITE. WE NOTE THE FOLLOWING POINTS.

--REPEATED REFERENCE TO EXCHANGES OF OPINIONS, AND, IN ONE CASE, TO COMMON VIEWS ON A "MAJORITY" OF IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. FROM THIS WE DEDUCE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF DIFFERENCES IN THE SPECIFIC POSITIONS OF THE TWO SIDES:
--LACK OF REFERENCE TO SOVIET-TANZANIAN MILITARY RELATIONSHIP. DOCUMENT REFERS ONLY ONCE TO "ALL AROUND COOPERATION" BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. THERE IS NO MENTION OF SPECIFIC LANGUAGE SOVIETS HAVE USED WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, SUCH AS "STRENGTHENING DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES", NOR IS THERE MENTION OF USUAL SOVIET EUPHEMISM--COOPERATION IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, CULTURAL "AND OTHER" FIELDS. DOCUMENT DOES, HOWEVER, MENTION "THREAT TO PEACE AND SECURITY" REPRESENTED BY ARMED PROVOCATIONS OF VORSTER AND SMITH REGIMES AGAINST NEIGHBORING STATES AND "SERIOUS THREAT..." REPRESENTED BY REMNANTS OF COLONIALISM AND RACISM;

--SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO RIGHT OF OPPRESSED PEOPLES TO USE ALL MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL INCLUDING ARMED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STRUGGLE. TWO SIDES DECLARE THEIR SOLIDARITY ON THIS POINT AND CALL ON ALL PROSPECTIVE FORCES TO INCREASE THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS STRUGGLE;

--LACK OF SPECIFIC MENTION OF CULPABILITY OF "IMPERIALISTS" FOR CONTINUATION OF PROBLEM AREAS: RHODESIA, NAMIBIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA. THERE IS, FOR EXAMPLE, NO CONDEMNATION OF ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN FOR RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT. THERE IS MENTION OF GENERAL STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALIST AND NEO-COLONIALIST "INTRIGUES" IN AFRICA, BUT NUMBER OF SEEMINGLY AVAILABLE TARGETS--AT LEAST FROM SOVIET STANDPOINT--ARE PASSED UP. EVEN DESCRIPTION OF LACK OF ADHERENCE OF ALL UN MEMBERS TO UN DECISIONS ON ISOLATION AND BOYCOTT OF RACIST REGIMES IS LEFT QUITE GENERAL.

4. SOVIET WEEKEND PRESS DOES NOT PASS UP OPPORTUNITY TO BLAST IMPERIALISTS AND, SPECIFICALLY, U.S. FOR NEFARIOUS POLICIES IN AFRICA. S. VISHNEVSKIY IN MARCH 27 PRAVDA DEVOTES ONE-THIRD OF HIS "INTERNATIONAL WEEK"

COLUMN TO HYPOCRISY OF U.S. CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIEWED AGAINST BACKGROUND OF U.S. SUPPORT OF RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND FOR ZAIRE (WP IS CITED ON POOR HUMAN RIGHTS STANCE OF ZAIRE). VISHNEVSKIY EMPHASIZES JCS CHAIRMAN BROWN'S REPORT TO CONGRESS ON STRATEGIC AND ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF AFRICA (ESPECIALLY ZAIRE) FOR U.S. AND NATO COUNTRIES. MARCH 27 KZ "INTERNATIONAL MIL-DOL REVIEW" BY A. MARKOV AND YU. GAVRILOV ATTACKS WEAPONS SALES TO SOUTH AFRICA BY U.S., FRANCE, FRG, ENGLAND AND OTHER NATO COUNTRIES. CONGRESSMAN COLLINS IS CITED ON U.S. LICENSING OF SALES OF \$300,000 OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION TO SOUTH AFRICA. PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS CRITICIZED FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA.

5. BLAND LANGUAGE IN SOVIET-TANZANIAN DOCUMENT ON SUBJECT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF "JUST, EQUAL, INTERNATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ECONOMIC RELATIONS" MAY COVER CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCE OF VIEWS. IN THIS REGARD, WE NOTE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PROVDA AND TANZANIAN NEWS AGENCY VERSIONS OF NYERERE'S MARCH 23 CRITICISM OF COMMUNIST COUNTRIES' POSITION OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND CONTINUING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (REF B). TANZANIAN VERSION READS, "I AM NOT SURE THAT ALL THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES FULLY UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE EITHER OF THESE THINGS." MARCH 24 PRAVDA VERSION READS (IN OUR TRANSLATION), "I WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE THAT ALL THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES RELATE WITH FULL UNDERSTANDING TO EACH OF THESE FACTORS." EMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM MAY WISH TO MENTION THIS DISCREPANCY TO TANZANIANS.

6. COMMENT: EMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM WILL HAVE BETTER FEEL FOR ATMOSPHERE AND SUBSTANCE OF TALKS THAN WE CAN DEVELOP HERE, BUT WE DOUBT THAT ABSENCE OF HARSH CRITICISM OF IMPERIALISTS IN SOVIET-TANZANIAN DOCUMENT IS A RESULT OF SOVIET SELF RESTRAINT.
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